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## **ARIVACA MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS ON FEDERAL DRUG AND GUN CHARGES**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Defendant Robert J. Piehl, 40, of Arivaca, Arizona, was sentenced here on August 14, 2006, to fifteen (15) years in federal custody by U.S. Chief District Judge John M. Roll. Piehl had pleaded guilty on October 18, 2005 to charges of Possession With Intent to Distribute Marijuana and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

On August 24, 2005, a federal grand jury returned a two count indictment charging Robert J. Piehl with both violations. According to the plea agreement, Piehl admitted he was in possession of 3,040 kilograms of marijuana at his home in Arivaca, Arizona, and that he was going to deliver this marijuana to a third person. The marijuana was stored under the floor boards of his home and in a trailer on his property. In addition, Piehl admitted he was in possession of a 9 mm semi-automatic hand gun. Piehl had a prior Ohio state felony conviction for possession of marijuana.

Chief Judge Roll sentenced Piehl to ten years in custody on the drug charge, and five years on the gun charge, to be served consecutively. After serving the fifteen year sentence imposed by the court today, Piehl will serve a period of five years on supervised release.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution was handled by Albert L. Kleiner, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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